Notice of Availability Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) and

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) Temporary Deviation in the Operation of Abiquiu Dam, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Albuquerque District, has released the "Temporary Deviation in the Operation of Abiquiu Dam, Draft Environmental Assessment". The Draft Environmental Assessment describes the proposed action to implement a temporary deviation from the Water Control Plan for Abiquiu Dam to allow other responsible agencies to retain and release Rio Grande water at Abiquiu Reservoir that would normally be retained at El Vado Reservoir while the El Vado Dam is undergoing repair.

Public review of the DEA will begin on March 14, 2022 and will run for 21 days until April 4th. The document will be available on the Corps web site at http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/EnvironmentalComplianceDocuments/EnvironmentalAssessmentsFONSI.aspx. A hard copy will be sent upon written request.

Comments on the DEA / FONSI should be emailed to: Abiquiu.Deviation.2022@usace.army.mil

Hardcopy comments should be mailed to:

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